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SECURITY INFORMATION

AGENT REPORT

(SR 980-484-242)

7-2233

1. NAME OF SUBJECT OR TITLE OF INCIDENT:

0 PELNER, Dr. Anton
Suspected Intelligence Personnel
Upper Austria, Linz

ACTION:	IR	CRB	IN
INFO:	IR	CRB	IN

CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NUMBER

UNCLASSIFIED SYMBOL DATA
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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

On 11 April 1953, the following information was obtained from Informant 6620 during the course of a routine and overt visit:

Informant alleges that Dr. Anton FELLNER, born 19 March 1908, a member of the Gmundner Circle and a personal friend of Willy Gernsperger, maintained close contact with Soviet Lt. Jakob Gutmann during that officer's tour of duty as press officer of the Soviet Kommandantur in Urfahr, Upper Austria (Soviet Zone). It is further alleged that during the course of these meetings, which took place in the Lindy Bar, Mozartstrasse 2, Linz, Upper Austria, FELLNER passed to Gutmann "information" he had received from his sources in Upper Austria. Informant was unable to state whether the information passed constituted espionage material or not.

FELLNER is described as a graduate doctor of law and a journalist who makes his livelihood by selling "padded" information to other Austrian journalists. FELLNER has been stigmatized as an opportunist by other members of the Gmundner Circle. Consensus among journalists is that FELLNER authorized many of the Socialist pamphlets issued prior to the February 1953 elections. This theory is based on the striking similarity in style and phraseology between FELLNER's known articles and the text of the Socialist propaganda pamphlets.

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Agents' Notes: On 15 April 1953, the files of this Sub-Attachment were examined concerning personalities mentioned in the above paragraph and the Gmunden Circle with results as indicated below:

Memo to File: dated 24 January 1950, Subj: "Gutmann, Lieutenant Jakob-Unauthorized Visits to US Zone of Austria", mentions several persons as having observed Gutmann in the "Lindy Bar", Linz, Upper Austria, on numerous occasions. In addition, numerous references were found citing Lt. Jakob Gutmann, identical to the Gutmann mentioned in this report, as a Soviet officer attached to the Soviet Commandatura in Linz, Upper Austria.

Numerous references were found to ~~Erich Gruenayr~~, identical with the Gruenayr mentioned in this report, as a leader of the Gmunden Circle and former Nazi. contact of SUSPECT RUS AGENT ANTON FELLNER ☐ ☒

Numerous references were found relating to the Gmunden Circle and its ultra nationalist activities.

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT
GILBERT GORDON/THOMAS A. WALCORTH
ASAC SAC NEW Sub-Pot "B" (1122)

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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